COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 6 February 1998

concerning the importation of live animals of ovine and caprine species from Uruguay and amending Council Decision 79/542/EEC

(Text with EEA relevance)

(98/146/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 72/462/EEC of 12 December 1972 on health and veterinary inspection problems upon importation of bovine animals and swine and fresh meat or meat products from third countries [1], as last amended by Directive 96/91/EC [2], and in particular Article 3 thereof,

Whereas Council Decision 79/542/EEC [3], as last amended by Commission Decision 97/736/EC [4], draws up a list of third countries from which the Member States authorise imports of bovine animals, swine, equidae, sheep and goats, fresh meat and meat products;

Whereas, following Community veterinary missions, it appears that Uruguay is covered by sufficiently well-structured and organised veterinary services;

Whereas vaccination against foot-and-mouth disease is forbidden in Uruguay;

Whereas Uruguay should be added to the list of third countries from which Member States authorise imports of sheep and goats;

Whereas Decision 79/542/EEC should be amended accordingly;

Whereas the specific animal health conditions and veterinary certification for importation of bovine animals, swine, equidae, sheep and goats, fresh meat and meat products will be laid down in other decisions according to the animal health situation of the third country concerned;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Veterinary Committee,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Part I of the Annex to Decision 79/542/EEC is replaced by the Annex to this Decision.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 6 February 1998.

For the Commission
Franz FISCHLER
Member of the Commission

[1] OJ L 302, 31. 12. 1972, p. 28.
[2] OJ L 13, 16. 1. 1997, p. 26.
[3] OJ L 146, 14. 6. 1979, p. 15.
[4] OJ L 295, 29. 10. 1997, p. 37.

ANNEX

'Imports shall fulfil the appropriate animal and public health requirements.

PART 1

LIVE ANIMALS, FRESH MEAT AND MEAT PRODUCTS

ISO country code	Country	Fresh meat and meat products "Domestic"				Fresh meat "Wild"		Live animals				Animal health			Public health
		B	S/G	P	E	CH	E	B	S/G	P	E	Fresh meat	Meat products	Live animals	Residues
AL	Albania	o	x	x	x	o	x	o	o	o	o				o
AR	Argentina	x	x	o	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		(3)		XR
AU	Australia	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x				XR
BA	Bosnia-Herzegovina	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	o	x	(1)			o
BG	Bulgaria	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	(1)			XR
BH	Bahrain	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o		(3) (4)		o
BR	Brazil	x	x	o	x	o	x	o	o	o	x		(3)	(5)	XR
BW	Botswana	x	x	o	x	x	x	o	o	o	o	(1) (2)	(3)		XR
BY	Belarus	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	(1)			(c)
BZ	Belize	x	o	o	x	o	x	o	o	o	o				o
CA	Canada	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x				XR (a)
CH	Switzerland	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x				XR
CL	Chile	x	x	o	x	x	x	o	x	o	x	(1)	(3)		XR
CN	People's Republic of China	o	o	x	x	x	x	o	o	o	o	(1)	(3)		o
CO	Colombia	x	o	o	x	o	x	o	o	o	o		(3)		o
CR	Costa Rica	x	o	o	x	o	x	o	o	o	o				o

		B	S/G	P	E	CH	E	B	S/G	P	E	Fresh meat	Meat products	Live animals	Residues
CU	Cuba	x	o	o	x	o	x	o	o	o	o				o
CY	Cyprus	x	x	x	x	x	x	o	o	x	x				XR
CZ	Czech Republic	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x				XR
DZ	Algeria	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	x				o
EE	Estonia	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	(1)			(c)
ET	Ethiopia	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o		(3)		o
GL	Greenland	x	x	o	x	x	x	o	x	o	x	(1)			XR
GT	Guatemala	x	o	o	x	o	x	o	o	o	o				o
HK	Hong Kong	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o		(3)		o
HN	Honduras	x	o	o	x	o	x	o	o	o	o				o
HR	Croatia	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	(1)			XR
HU	Hungary	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x				XR
IL	Israel	o	o	o	x	o	x	o	o	o	x		(3)		o
IN	India	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o		(3)		o
IS	Iceland	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x				XR
KE	Kenya	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o		(3)		o
LI	Lithuania	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	(1)			(c)
LV	Latvia	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	(1)			o
MA	Morocco	o	o	o	x	o	x	o	o	o	x		(3)		XR
MG	Madagascar	x	x	o	x	o	x	o	o	o	o		(3)		XR
MK	Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	o	x	o	x	o	x	o	o	o	x				XR
MT	Malta	x	o	x	x	o	x	x	x	x	x		(3)		XR
MU	Mauritius	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	x		(3)		o

		B	S/G	P	E	CH	E	B	S/G	P	E	Fresh meat	Meat products	Live animals	Residues
MX	Mexico	x	o	o	x	o	x	o	o	o	x				XR
NA	Namibia	x	x	o	x	x	x	o	o	o	o	(1) (2)	(3)		XR
NI	Nicaragua	x	o	o	x	o	x	o	o	o	o				o
NO	Norway		x						x						XR
NZ	New Zealand	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x				XR
PA	Panama	x	o	o	x	o	x	o	o	o	o				o
PL	Poland	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	(1)			XR
PY	Paraguay	x	x	o	x	o	x	o	o	o	x		(3)		XR
RO	Romania	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	(1)			XR
RU	Russia	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	(1) (2)		(5)	(c)
SG	Singapore	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o		(3)		o
SI	Slovenia	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	(1)			XR
SK	Slovak Republic	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	(1)			XR
SV	El Salvador	x	x	o	x	o	x	o	o	o	o				o
SZ	Swaziland	x	o	o	x	x	x	o	o	o	o	(1) (2)	(3)		XR
TH	Thailand	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o		(3)		o
TN	Tunisia	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	x		(3) (4)		(c)
TR	Turkey	o	o	o	x	o	x	o	o	o	o				o
UA	Ukraine	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	x				(c)
US	United States of America	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x				XR (b)
UY	Uruguay	x	x	o	x	x	x	o	x	o	x		(3)		XR
YU	Federal Republic of Yugoslavia	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	o	x	(1)			XR
ZA	South Africa	x	x	x	x	x	x	o	o	o	x	(1) (2)	(3)	(5)	XR
ZW	Zimbabwe	x	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o		(3)		XR

B = bovine animals, (including buffalo and bison)
S/G = Sheep/goats
P = pigs
E = equidae
CH = cloven-hoofed animals
x = authorized
o = unauthorized

Special remarks

(1) Excluding meat of wild swine.

(2) Excluding bone-in meat and offal.

(3) Notwithstanding the restrictions in the above list, meat products which have undergone heat treatment in a hermetically sealed container to an F_o value of 3 or more are authorized.

(4) Notwithstanding the restrictions in the above list, meat products which have been heat treated to a centre temperature of at least 80 °C are authorized.

(5) Member States shall only import equidae in accordance with Commission Decision 92/160/EEC establishing regionalization.

(6) Until specific provisions under Article 13 (2) of Council Directive 90/426/EEC have been adopted, Member States shall not import equidae from this country.

Additional notes

XR The plan on residues in animals and fresh meat for substances having a thyrostatic, androgenic, oestrogenic or gestagenic effect and for substances other than those having a hormonal effect has been approved by the Commission.

Equidae other than equidae for slaughter shall be imported without the third country concerned being obliged to submit a plan.

(a) Imports of live bovine animals are restricted to animals intended for reproduction and to veal calves aged under two weeks intended for fattening.

(b) Imports of beef and veal for human consumption are restricted to:

(i) meat from cows which have been used exclusively for dairy production, or

(ii) meat:

— complying with the conditions agreed between the United States of America and the European Economic Community,

and

— which has been obtained from fresh meat establishments supplied with slaughter animals from holdings approved by the Commission. The names of these establishments are the subject of a specific communication from the Commission to the Member States.

(c) As regards imports of live horses for slaughter sufficient guarantees have been received to allow importation.'